

What is claimed is:

1. A fiber optic module comprising:
a connector for connection with a mother board;
laser diode electric signal conversion means for converting serial data received from said mother board to an laser diode electric signal for a laser diode;
an laser diode module for converting said laser diode electric signal to an laser diode optical signal;
a photo diode module for converting a photodiode optical signal to a photo diode electric signal;
photo diode electric signal conversion means for converting said photo diode electric signal to photo diode serial data;
a circuit board for carrying thereon said connector, said laser diode electric signal conversion means, said laser diode module and said photo diode module; and

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for holding said circuit board, said laser diode module and said photo diode module,

wherein said connector is of a surface mounting type.

2. A fiber optic module as set forth in claim 1, wherein leads of said laser diode and photo diode modules are connected to a surface of said circuit board provided thereon with said connector.

3. A fiber optic module as set forth in claim 2, further comprising an laser diode variable resistor for adjusting a drive current of said laser diode module and wherein said laser diode variable resistor is provided on a surface of said circuit board opposed to said surface having said connector thereon.

4. A fiber optic module as set forth in claim 2, further comprising a photo diode variable resistor for detecting a signal of said photo diode module and wherein said photo diode variable resistor is provided on a surface of said circuit board opposed to said surface having said connector thereon.

5. A fiber optic module as set forth in claim 1, wherein said photo diode electric signal conversion means includes a plurality of semiconductor integrated circuits.

6. A fiber optic module as set forth in claim 1, wherein said circuit board measures 17 mm through 25.4 mm wide, 30 mm through and 50 mm long.

7. A fiber optic module comprising:
a connector for connection with a mother board;
laser diode electric signal conversion means for converting serial data received from said mother board to an laser diode electric signal for a laser diode;
an laser diode module for converting said laser diode electric signal to an laser diode optical signal;
a photo diode module for converting a photodiode optical signal to a photo diode electric signal;
photo diode electric signal conversion means for converting said photo diode electric signal to photo diode serial data;
a circuit board for carrying thereon said connector, said laser diode electric signal conversion means, said laser diode module and said photo diode module; and

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for holding said circuit board, said laser diode module and said photo diode module, wherein outline dimensions of said fiber optic module are 19 mm through 25.4 mm wide, 45 mm through 65 mm high and 9 mm through 25.4 mm

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8. A fiber optic module as set forth in claim 7, further comprising a casing, said casing comprising said

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forms an outside casing. [first and second

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9. A fiber optic module as set forth in claim 7, wherein said [first and second frames are]

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frame is

made of resin material.

10. A fiber optic module comprising:

a connector for connection with a mother board; laser diode electric signal conversion means for converting serial data received from said mother board to an laser diode electric signal for a laser diode; an laser diode module for converting said laser diode electric signal to an laser diode optical signal; a photo diode module for converting a photodiode optical signal to a photo diode electric signal; photo diode electric signal conversion means for converting said photo diode electric signal to photo diode serial data; a circuit board for carrying thereon said connector, said laser diode electric signal conversion means, said laser diode module and said photo diode module; and

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for holding said circuit board, said laser diode module and said photo diode module, wherein said module comprises mounting means for mounting said [first and second frames]

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to said mother board.

11. A fiber optic module as set forth in claim 10, wherein said mounting means includes a screw.

12. A fiber optic module as set forth in claim 11.

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wherein said frame comprises a first

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frame part and a second frame part, and further comprising a first frame openings provided in said first frame part, a second frame openings provided in said second frame part, a circuit board openings provided in said circuit board, and a mother board openings provided in said mother

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and wherein screws are inserted into said first openings, second frame openings, said circuit board openings and said mother board openings to cause said first frame part, said second frame part, said circuit board and said mother board to be mutually fixed.

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13. A fiber optic module as set forth in claim 12, wherein said first frame openings is smaller than said second frame openings and said circuit board openings and said mother board openings have substantially the same diameter as said second frame opening.

14. A fiber optic module as set forth in claim 10, wherein said screws have an effective diameter of 1.3 mm or more.

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15. A fiber optic module as set forth in claim 12, wherein 3 of said first frame openings are provided in said first frame part and said first frame openings are arranged to form a substantially isosceles triangle.

16. A fiber optic module as set forth in claim 12, wherein said first frame openings are used also as reference holes for parts inspection of said first frame

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part and said second frame openings are used also as reference holes for parts inspection of said second frame part.

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17. A fiber optic module as set forth in claim 11, wherein said screws are tapping screws.

18. A fiber optic module as set forth in claim 10,

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wherein said frame comprises a first frame part and a second frame part, and wherein pins erected on at least one of said first and second [frames] frame parts are used as said mounting means.

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19. A fiber optic module as set forth in claim 18, wherein pins erected only on said second frame part are used as said mounting means.

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20. A fiber optic module as set forth in claim 19, further comprising first frame openings provided in said first frame part, a circuit board openings provided in said circuit board, and a mother board openings provided in said mother board, and wherein screws are inserted into said first frame openings, said circuit board openings and said mother board openings to cause said first frame part, said circuit board and said mother board to be mutually fixed.

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21. A fiber optic module as set forth in claim 20, wherein said first frame openings are larger than a diameter of said pin and said circuit board openings and said mother board openings have substantially the same diameter as said first frame openings.

22. A fiber optic module as set forth in claim 19, wherein said pin has a diameter of 1.3 mm or more.

23. A fiber optic module as set forth in claim 19, wherein said pin is made of metallic material.

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24. A fiber optic module as set forth in claim 19, wherein said pin is integrally formed with said second frame part or press fitted therein.

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25. A fiber optic module as set forth in claim 20, wherein 3 of said first frame openings are provided in said first frame part and said first frame openings are arranged to form a substantially isosceles triangle.

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26. A fiber optic module as set forth in claim 20, wherein said first frame openings are used also as reference holes for parts inspection of said first frame part and said pins are used also as reference holes for parts inspection of said second frame part.

27. A fiber optic module comprising:
 a connector for connection with a mother board;
 laser diode electric signal conversion means for converting serial data received from said mother board to an laser diode electric signal for a laser diode;
 an laser diode module for converting said laser diode electric signal to an laser diode optical signal;
 a photo diode module for converting a photodiode optical signal to a photo diode electric signal;
 photo diode electric signal conversion means for converting said photo diode electric signal to photo diode serial data;
 a circuit board for carrying thereon said connector, said laser diode electric signal conversion means, said laser diode module and said photo diode module; and

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a frame for holding said circuit board, said laser diode module and said photo diode module,

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wherein said circuit board is temporarily fixed to [at least

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one of said first and second frames.]

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said frame.

28. A fiber optic module as set forth in claim 27, wherein said temporary fixing means is a snap-fit mechanism.

29. A fiber optic module as set forth in claim 28, wherein said circuit board is temporarily fixed at an end thereof by said snap-fit mechanism.

30. A fiber optic module as set forth in claim 27,

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wherein said frame comprises a first frame part and a second frame part, and wherein an elastic arm is provided to at least one of said first and second [frames] frame parts and said circuit board is temporarily fixed to the other frame by said elastic arm.

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31. A fiber optic module as set forth in claim 27,

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wherein said frame comprises a first

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frame part and a second frame part, and wherein said circuit board is temporarily fixed at a front part thereof by a snap-fit mechanism and said circuit board is temporarily fixed to [the other frame] one of said first and second frame parts at a rear part thereof by an elastic arm.

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32. A fiber optic module comprising:
 a connector for connection with a mother board;
 laser diode electric signal conversion means for converting serial data received from said mother board to an laser diode electric signal for a laser diode;
 an laser diode module for converting said laser diode electric signal to an laser diode optical signal;
 a photo diode module for converting a photodiode optical signal to a photo diode electric signal;
 photo diode electric signal conversion means for converting said photo diode electric signal to photo diode serial data;
 a circuit board for carrying thereon said connector, said laser diode electric signal conversion means, said laser diode module and said photo diode module; and

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a frame for holding said circuit board, said laser diode module and said photo diode module, wherein said module further comprises supporting means for tightening to fix [said first and

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second frames] said frame and said mother board from their outer periphery.

33. A fiber optic module as set forth in claim 32, wherein said supporting means is made of metallic plate.

34. A fiber optic module as set forth in claim 33, wherein said metallic plate is provided in its both ends with recesses and said recesses are rotated to tighteningly fix said metallic plate.

35. A fiber optic module as set forth in claim 32, wherein said supporting means is positioned at a position opposed to said laser diode and photo diode modules.

36. A fiber optic module comprising:
 a connector for connection with a mother board;
 laser diode electric signal conversion means for converting serial data received from said mother board to an laser diode electric signal for a laser diode;
 an laser diode module for converting said laser diode electric signal to an laser diode optical signal;
 a photo diode module for converting a photodiode optical signal to a photo diode electric signal;
 photo diode electric signal conversion means for converting said photo diode electric signal to photo diode serial data;
 a circuit board for carrying thereon said connector, said laser diode electric signal conversion means, said laser diode module and said photo diode module; and

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first and second [frames] frame parts for holding said circuit board, said laser diode module and said photo diode module, wherein said module further includes a cover for covering an externally exposed part of said circuit board therewith.

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37. A fiber optic module as set forth in claim 36, wherein said cover is made of resin material.

38. A fiber optic module as set forth in claim 36, wherein said cover is made of metallic material.

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39. A fiber optic module as set forth in claim 36, wherein said cover is made in the form of said first frame. part.

40. A fiber optic module as set forth in claim 36, wherein said cover is provided therein with an opening.

41. A fiber optic module comprising:

a connector for connection with a mother board;

laser diode electric signal conversion means for converting serial data received from said mother board to an laser diode electric signal for a laser diode;

an laser diode module for converting said laser diode electric signal to an laser diode optical signal;

a photo diode module for converting a photodiode optical signal to a photo diode electric signal;

photo diode electric signal conversion means for converting said photo diode electric signal to photo diode serial data;

a circuit board for carrying thereon said connector, said laser diode electric signal conversion means, said laser diode module and said photo diode module; and

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a frame for holding said circuit board, said laser diode module and said photo diode module, wherein said module further comprises indication parts

indicative of a safety certification [and a place of]

and/or production provided [respectively onto

said first and second frames.]

on said frame.

42. A fiber optic module as set forth in claim 41,

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wherein said frame comprises a first frame part and a second frame part, and wherein said indication part provided onto said first frame part is opposed to said indication part provided onto said second frame part.

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43. A fiber optic module as set forth in claim 42, wherein said first and second [frames] frame parts

have a recess and said indication

parts are provided to said recesses.

44. A fiber optic module as set forth in claim 41, wherein said indication parts are seal labels.

45. A fiber optic module as set forth in claim 41, wherein said indication parts are provided integrally to said [first

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46. A fiber optic module comprising:
a connector for connection with a mother board;
laser diode electric signal conversion means for converting serial data received from said mother board to an laser diode electric signal for a laser diode;
an laser diode module for converting said laser diode electric signal to an laser diode optical signal;
a photo diode module for converting a photodiode optical signal to a photo diode electric signal;
photo diode electric signal conversion means for converting said photo diode electric signal to photo diode serial data;
a circuit board for carrying thereon said connector, said laser diode electric signal conversion means, said laser diode module and said photo diode module; and

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I a frame for holding said circuit board, said laser diode module and said photo diode module, wherein a data transmission rate of said optical signal is 130 Mbits/s or more.

47. A fiber optic module as set forth in claim 46, wherein the data transmission rate of said optical signal is 200 Mbits/s or more.

48. A fiber optic module as set forth in claim 46, wherein the data transmission rate of said optical signal is 500 Mbits/s or more.

49. A fiber optic module as set forth in claim 46, wherein the data transmission rate of said optical signal is 1000 Mbits/s or more.

50. A fiber optic module comprising:
a connector for connection with a mother board;
laser diode electric signal conversion means for converting serial data received from said mother board to an laser diode electric signal for a laser diode;
an laser diode module for converting said laser diode electric signal to an laser diode optical signal;
a photo diode module for converting a photodiode optical signal to a photo diode electric signal;
photo diode electric signal conversion means for converting said photo diode electric signal to photo diode serial data;
a circuit board for carrying thereon said connector, said laser diode electric signal conversion means, said laser diode module and said photo diode module; and

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I a frame for holding said circuit board, said laser diode module and said photo diode module, wherein said fiber optic module further includes a module cap to be inserted into light outlet and inlet openings defined by said

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51. A fiber optic module as set forth in claim 50,

171 173 I I wherein said frame comprises a first frame part
171 173 I I and a second frame part, and wherein said module
171 173 I I cap has cap fixing means engaged with part of
171 173 I I said first and second [frames] frame parts and
171 173 I I fixed to at least one of said first and second
171 173 I I [frames] frame parts.

52. A fiber optic module comprising:
a connector for connection with a mother board;
laser diode electric signal conversion means for convert-
ing serial data received from said mother board to an
laser diode electric signal for a laser diode;
an laser diode module for converting said laser diode
electric signal to an laser diode optical signal;
a photo diode module for converting a photodiode optical
signal to a photo diode electric signal;
photo diode electric signal conversion means for convert-
ing said photo diode electric signal to photo diode serial
data;
a circuit board for carrying thereon said connector, said
laser diode electric signal conversion means, said laser
diode module and said photo diode module; and

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171 173 I I a frame for holding said circuit board, said
171 173 I I laser diode module and said photo diode module,
171 173 I I wherein said fiber optic module includes a shielding
171 173 I I member for shielding at least one of said laser diode
171 173 I I and photo diode modules.

53. A fiber optic module as set forth in claim 52, wherein
a shielding plate for exclusive use of said laser diode module
and a shielding plate for exclusive use of said photo diode
module.

171 173 I I 54. A fiber optic module as set forth in claim 52, wherein
171 173 I I [at least one of said first and
171 173 I I second frames] said frame is provided
171 173 I I integrally with a shielding plate.

55. A fiber optic module comprising:
a connector for connection with a mother board;
laser diode electric signal conversion means for convert-
ing serial data received from said mother board to an
laser diode electric signal for a laser diode;
an laser diode module for converting said laser diode
electric signal to an laser diode optical signal;
a photo diode module for converting a photodiode optical
signal to a photo diode electric signal;
photo diode electric signal conversion means for convert-
ing said photo diode electric signal to photo diode serial
data;

a circuit board for carrying thereon said connector, said laser diode electric signal conversion means, said laser diode module and said photo diode module; and

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first and second [frames] frame parts for holding said circuit board, said laser diode module and said photo diode module, wherein elastic pawls to be engaged with an optical fiber plug are provided to at least one of said first and second [frames] frame parts and said pawls are provided at their root parts with first projections extended toward the other frame.

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56. A fiber optic module as set forth in claim 55, wherein second projections for protecting said first projections are

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provided to an opposite frame part being opposite to the frame part provided with said first projections.

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57. A fiber optic module as set forth in claim 55, wherein said first and second [frames] frame parts and said pawls are made of resin material.

58. A fiber optic module comprising:

- a connector for connecting with a mother board of a computer;
- a first semiconductor integral circuit for converting a first parallel data provided from the mother board into a first serial data for a laser diode;
- a second semiconductor integral circuit for converting said first serial data for the laser diode converted by said first semiconductor integral circuit into a first electrical signal;
- a laser diode module including a laser diode for converting said first electrical signal for the laser diode into a first optical signal of the laser diode;
- a photodiode module including a photodiode for converting a second optical signal received by said photodiode into a second electrical signal of the photodiode;
- a third semiconductor integral circuit for converting said second electrical signal of the photodiode into a second serial data of the photodiode;
- a fourth semiconductor integral circuit for converting said second serial data of the photodiode converted by said third semiconductor integral circuit into a second parallel data;
- a circuit board for furnishing with said connector, said first semiconductor integral circuit, said second semiconductor integral circuit, said third semiconductor integral circuit and said fourth semiconductor integral circuit;
- a first shielding plate for electrically shielding said laser diode module;
- a second shielding plate for electrically shielding said photo diode module; and

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[a first frame for holding said circuit board, said laser diode module and said photo diode module; and
a second frame for cooperating with said first frame to hold] a frame for holding said circuit board, said laser module and said photo diode module.

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mm high, the second frame part may
be provided with pawls for coupling of the
optical signal, the first frame part may be
provided with projections for protecting the
pawls, the first and second [frames] frame
parts may be made of resin material, the
first and second [frames] frame parts may have
means for holding the circuit board, the
holding means may be a snap-fit mechanism, a
tipmost end of the circuit board may be held by
the first and second [frames] frame parts, the
first frame part may have an arm, a recess